

CROKER DEFIANT

Won't Tell Where He Gets His Money.

NOT WORTH A MILLION

Really Wishes Devery Would Close the Poolrooms.

THINKS PLATT IS BAD,

And Would Like to See Him and His Boys Investigated.

Whether He Himself Held a Retainer Against Cheap Telephones, Demanded Part of Bourke Cockran's Fees in the Broadway Cable Case, Sold Manhattan Short Before the Health Board Raised It, He Classes as Private Matters or Doesn't Remember—His Partner in Real Estate, Peter F. Meyer, Imitates Him.

As on Friday, so it was yesterday, that Richard Croker was the witness of stellar magnitude before the Mazet committee. It is probably true that disinterested persons would say that the Tammany leader did not make as good a witness for himself and his organization yesterday as he did the day before. It may be that he was tired out, mentally and physically, yesterday, but it is a fact that his mind seemed to move more sluggishly than it did on Friday. At times he seemed to fail to comprehend the meaning of simple questions, and the failure to comprehend did not seem to be a matter of intellect. It was clearly evident that the man who presides over the destinies of Tammany Hall was having difficulties with his head piece. It is true, however, that Mr. Croker did not succeed in securing much positive evidence from the witness damaging to himself or to his political associates. As a matter of fact, the time that Mr. Croker was on the witness stand was largely taken up by speeches of Mr. Croker himself to the committee, and by questions from the committee to Mr. Croker. Mr. Croker declined to answer a great many of the questions put to him on the ground that he did not purpose to have his private affairs examined into by a legislative investigating committee. His evasiveness was also had in answer to questions. Mr. Croker did not at all times impress those who heard his testimony with his sincerity, when he replied, "I don't remember." There were times when he gave this answer that his face seemed to indicate that he could remember if he tried hard. But he declined to answer more questions on the ground that he did not wish his private affairs investigated. He failed to answer because of his forgetfulness. It was easy to see that in many instances he declined to answer questions in order to be consistent. Shortly after he took the stand on Friday he informed Mr. Croker and the committee that he was quite willing to answer all questions which had any connection with politics or public matters, but that he would absolutely refuse to answer questions relating to his private or business life.

Mr. Croker took particular pains yesterday to ask many of this kind of questions. Sometimes when he was able to be particularly accurate, he got straight answers to his questions, but immediately after the answer had been given the witness would remember that he had said he would not answer any questions of this character, and would promptly remark: "I decline to answer."

On two occasions, and only two, the Tammany leader showed unmistakable and genuine feeling. Once his eyes filled with tears. He wept for the first time in many years at least, that may be, when he was asked to testify for the first time. Mr. Croker had been asking him some questions about his interest in bridges over the East River and endeavoring to connect that interest with the desire of the witness to have his son become a business connection with the bridge-building company, which is largely financed by the manufacture of certain bridge materials. The witness was asked whether he had given to his son, Frank H. Croker, a check for \$12,000 to pay for his stock in the Robbling Construction Company, or whether he had given him \$17,000 cash. The witness declined to answer the question. He was then asked if he had given to his son, Richard Croker, \$10,000 for the stock which he had received in the United Company. Mr. Croker declined to answer that question. Then Mr. Croker said: "Richard Croker, your son has made statements that are not clear to us. They are in fact, in fact, that your son's voracity is becoming a problem. I thought you might clear up this matter."

At the termination of so many political battles between a man and Mr. Croker for a moment, and the witness made an effort to overcome some of the difficulties.

The witness seemed to feel relieved after he had delivered himself of his little speech, and he showed no more feeling of one kind or another during the rest of the time he was on the stand. Mr. Croker, however, showed considerable feeling when, on failing to get what he wanted from the witness, he made inflammatory statements which, if true, might get Mr. Croker into trouble. Mr. Croker reminded the witness that he had said on Friday, in substance, that if any corrupt act could be traced to him (Croker) he would be willing to have his right hand cut off. Mr. Croker, intimating that it would be impracticable and useless to cut off Mr. Croker's hand, asked him whether if it could be proven that the witness had been guilty of dishonest acts he would be willing to sacrifice his fortune or undergo imprisonment. The witness promptly said he would, and then Mr. Croker hinted at several dark transactions which he may or may not be able to trace directly to Mr. Croker. For instance, he referred to the project of John Jacob Astor and others to form a new telephone company and reduce telephone rates. Having asked the witness if a representative of Mr. Astor had called to see him about this company, and having been told that such might have been the case, Mr. Croker asked if it was not a fact that Mr. Croker had refused to give his favor to the new telephone company, because he had been "seen" by representatives of the New York Telephone Company. Mr. Croker denied this and then Mr. Croker wanted to know if the witness had not made an agreement with Charles F. Cutler, President of the New York Telephone Company, to show a special favor to the latter company for a period of five years in consideration of a certain fixed sum of money to be paid to Croker annually.

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The resolution came as a bomb to the Democrats just as the close of the present session is a result of the exposure made by the Inter-Ocean during the recent campaign.

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